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1. SUMMARY. BEGINNING WITH A SPEECH BY PREMIER

JAROSZEWICZ ON JANUARY 13, THE POLISH AUTHORITIES INTEN-

SIFIED THEIR EFFORTS TO DISCREDIT THE WORKERS' DEFENSE

LEAGUE. IN ITS JANUARY 18 ISSUE, TRYBUNA LUDU COMBINED

A SPIRITED DEFENSE OF REGIME POLICY WITH A STRONG ATTACK

AGAINST THE LEAGUE. FURTHER DETAILS

ABOUT DISSIDENT PROTESTS CONTINUE TO SEEP INTO THE PUBLIC

DOMAIN AS A RESULT OF THE AUTHORITIES' STEPPED-UP ATTACK.

END SUMMARY.

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2. THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE WORKERS' DEFENSE LEAGUE PICKED

UP MOMENTUM WITH PREMIER JAROSZEWICZ'S SPEECH TO THE POLISH

VETERANS' ASSOCIATION, "ZBOWID", ON JANUARY 13. JAROSZEWICZ

SAID A "HANDFUL" OF "ENEMIES OF SOCIALISM" UNSCRUPULOUSLY

USED "IMPERIALISTIC PROPAGANDA CENTERS" TO "DISORIENT NAIVE

PEOPLE". ACCORDING TO A JOURNALIST WORKING FOR A FOREIGN

NEWS AGENCY HERE, WDL MEMBERS JERZY ANDRZEJEWSKI, HALINA

MIKOLAJSKA, AND MIROSLAW CHOJECKI HAVE BEEN CHARGD WITH ILLEGAL COLLECTION OF MONEY AND SUMMONED TO COURT. AS OF JANUARY 15, THE WDL WAS PROHIBITED FROM RECEIVING MONEY FROM ABROAD. THE AUTHORITIES HAVE ALSO INTERRUPTED MAIL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE WDL.

3. IN A MAJOR EDITORIAL ENTITLED "OF ALIEN INSPIRATION, IN THE ALIEN INTEREST," MARIAN KUSZEWSKI STEPPED UP TRYBUNA LUDU'S CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE WDL. KUSZEWSKI VIGOROUSLY DEFENDS POLICE BEHAVIOR DURING THE JUNE DISTURBANCES AND WRITES THAT THE REGIME'S MANAGEMENT OF THE AFTERMATH WAS GUIDED BY "PRINCIPLES DETERMINED BY CONSTITUTIONAL STANDARDS." HE CITES THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL'S REPORT TO THE SEJM OF JANUARY 5 "ON THE PROTECTION OF THE INTERESTS OF THE STATE AND THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENS IN 1976." IN ADDITION, HE QUOTES "EYEWITNESS" ACCOUNTS OF THE URSUS EVENTS TO SUBSTANTIATE THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL'S CONTENTION THAT CHARGES AGAINST THE MILITIA WERE GROUNDLESS. HE SAYS THAT THE COUNCIL OF STATE SHOWED "UNDERSTANDING AND EVEN TOLERANCE" IN EXTENDING "AN EXTRAORDINARY COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE" FOR FIRST-TIME OFFENDERS.

4. KUSZEWSKI NEXT LASHES OUT AGAINST WDL MEMBERS FOR THEIR "HOSTILITY" TO "SOCIALIST POLAND." HE DESCRIBES THEIR PETITIONS AND COLECTIONS ON BEHALF OF WORKERS JAILED DURING THE JUNE 25 DISTURBANCES AS "A CONVENIENT PRETEXT FOR SUCCESSIVE POLITICAL AND ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTION". THE DISSIDENTS ARE CAST AS A MOTLEY CREW OF SO-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CIAL MISFITS, "PAST MASTERS OF POLITICAL PLOYS," WHO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE "MOST NOBLE FEELINGS OF UPRIGHT PEOPLE" IN POLAND AND ABROAD TO ACHIEVE THEIR IGNOBLE ENDS OF "SOWING SOCIAL UNREST" AND "STIMULATING INTERNAL CONFLICT." IN ADDITION, KUSZEWSKI CHARGES, THEY WORK CLOSELY WITH PRESS AND RADIO STATIONS "WELL KNOWN FOR THEIR DETERMINED HOSTILITY TOWARDS POLAND."

5. COMMENT: THE KUSZEWSKI ARTICLE IS A CAREFULLY CONSTRUCTED DEFENSE AGAINST THE GROWING NUMBER OF PETITIONS CALLING FOR A SEJM INVESTIGATION OF THE JUNE EVENTS. AT THE SAME TIME, IT SEEMS DESIGNED TO ISOLATE THE WORKERS' DEFENSE LEAGUE AND TO BURDEN ITS MEMBERS WITH THE ONUS FOR INTERNAL POLISH TENSION WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY ASSIGNED TO A SMALL GROUP OF "HOODLUMS AND CRIMINALS." ALTHOUGH THE DISSIDENTS WILL APPEAR IN THE LOWEST COURT ("KOLEGIUM") AND ARE PROBABLY NOT THREATENED WITH JAIL SENTENCES, THE COURT COULD PASS JUDGMENTS WHICH WOULD BAR ANDRZEJEWSKI FROM PUBLISHING HIS COLUMN IN KULTURA OR MIKOLAJSKA FROM AP-

PEARING ON THE STAGE. WHILE THE THREATS AGAINST THE
WDL INCREASE, SO DO OFFICIAL ADMISSIONS WHICH GIVE
DE FACTO RECOGNITION TO THE DISSIDENTS' CHARGES. END
COMMENT.
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